

Remarks

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-10 have been amended in view of the election made below, as well as to correct typographical errors in claims 6 and 7. Claims 2 and 11-21 are cancelled. Entry of the foregoing amendments is requested.

In the Office Action dated December 7, 2009, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement between Groups I-III. Applicants herein elect Group I (claim 1(a) and claims 3-10 and 22), without traverse.

In addition, at page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner issued an election of species requirement. Applicants elect species 1: carrageenan, without traverse.

Early, favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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